

Medical Directors Office,
1st Division 19th Army Corps,
Franklin, La, Jan 25 1864

Dear Mother,

I received your letter saying that Harrison had arrived safely home. I was glad to hear that he was well, for I thought that the cold would make him sick sure, the *wether* is very fine here at present, when I wrote you before we had had quite a snowstorm and the mud was "knee deep," but now the roads have all dried up and it could not be any nicer than it is now, such days as the almost make me "homesick," I have been half inclined to be homesick for the last two or three days but have concluded not to be.

It has been quite lonesome for me since Harrison went away and now Jimmy has gone back to the Company, and that makes it worse yet.

We are nicely situated here in the front yard of an old rich planter, he has the finest house I have seen in a long while, and every thing is as nice as can be.

We are to have a review of all troops here to morrow at 11 o'clock A.M., there is not a very large force here now, they have most all gone to Texas, we don't expect to stay here a great while.

Well there is nothing of importance here to write. You must excuse this writing for I am in a hurry to go over to the company tonight to send this by Jerry.

Give my love to all.

From your Affect. Son,

J. Francis Brand